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IN THE CLAIMS

*The status of the claims as presently amended is as follows:*

1. (Currently Amended) A combined structure of a front part of a cabin of an automobile comprising:

a dash panel which is placed in the front part of a cabin, extending in the width direction of [[an]] the automobile, forming a tire house bulged toward the inside, inwardly of [[a]] the cabin under at both left and right lower sides, and has having a panel flange extending rearwardly of vehicles from the proximal end of both edges thereof; and

a front pillar which is formed by a front pillar inner and a front pillar outer joined in a at respective pillar flanges thereof where they are faced facing each other in the width direction, and in which [[a]] one of the pillar flanges, which extend in the forwardly of vehicles is joined to the panel flange[[;]].

wherein the a front end of the one pillar flange is located more rearwardly of vehicles than the proximal end the respective side edge of the dash panel.

2. (Original) The combined structure of a front part of a cabin of an automobile according to claim 1, further comprising a reinforcing member which is attached over the dash panel and the front pillar inner.

3. (Currently Amended) The combined structure of a front part of a cabin of an automobile according to claim 2, further comprising:

a side member which extends forwardly and rearwardly of vehicles, and has having a rear end joined to the dash panel from the outside of the cabin[[;]].

wherein the reinforcing member is joined to the dash panel from the inside of [[a]] the cabin, after the dash panel where the side member has been attached the side member from outside of the cabin.

4. (Currently Amended) The combined structure of a front part of a cabin of an automobile according to claim 3, wherein the front pillar inner has an inside wall, and a front wall bending bended outwardly of vehicles from the a front-end edge of the inside wall; and the a rear wall of the reinforcing member comes in contact with a corner bending portion formed by between the inside wall and the front wall.

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5. (Currently Amended) The combined structure of a front part of a cabin of an automobile according to claim 3, further comprising:

a cross member which is extended in the width direction of [[an]]the automobile and joined to a front side of the dash panel from the outside of cabin of the dash panel front; wherein the rear end of the side member is joined to the cross member.

6. (Currently Amended) The combined structure of a front part of a cabin of an automobile according to claim 1, wherein the panel flange is joined to the one pillar flange from the inside of [[a]]the cabin.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method of combining a front part of a cabin of an automobile comprising:

a step of joining a panel flange which extends rearwardlyof vehicles from the proximal end of both side edges of a dash panel, to a pillar flange which extends forwardlyof vehicles from a front pillar inner that forms a front pillar with a front pillar outer, at a position where the front end of the pillar flange is located more rearwardlyof vehicles than the proximal end both side edges of the dash panel;

a step of joining a reinforcing member to [[a]]the dash panel and [[a]]the front pillar inner;  
a step of joining both ends of a cross member which extends in the width direction [[an]]of the automobile, to the a rear end of a side member which extends forwardlyand rearward of vehicles;

a step of joining the cross member and the side member which have been joined to each other to the dash panel; and

a step of joining [[a]]the pillar flange of [[a]]the front pillar inner and a pillar flange of [[a]]the front pillar outer.